

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Lower South Branch Potomac River Grazingland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Lower South Branch Potomac River Grazingland		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within special consideration river basins and/or designated CBWI priority watersheds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Improve control of livestock access to waters that flow to the Chesapeake Bay?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce sheet and rill erosion from greater than tolerable limits (Soil “T”) to T or below T?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Improvement – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Contract Efficiencies – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
7. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within two years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Adoption of CBWI priority conservation practices or will complete an existing conservation system? (A conservation system is defined as a combination of conservation practices and resource management for the treatment of soil, water, air, plant, or animal resource concerns.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
8. a. Is this the applicant’s first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

compliance?	
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State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Are there livestock feeding areas with unfiltered flow into water bodies on the land unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the land unit located on Karst topography with sink holes lacking protection from Agricultural wastes or pesticides?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will practices be installed in the proposed contract to increase the organic matter content in soils on the land unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the operation require a CAFO permit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will cover crops be employed to sequester nutrients, reduce erosion and reduce compaction?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the operation located in the drainage area of a high quality stream (see list)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the operation located in the drainage area of a stream listed as impaired by agricultural contaminants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. If manure is applied, will it be incorporated to prevent runoff?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the contract include practices to establish or increase riparian buffers?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Does the applicant agree to complete all practices in the contract in three years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Is this the first contract for the applicant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will a comprehensive nutrient management plan be developed to address animal waste and commercial fertilizer use on the operating unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will IPM practices be used to address resource concerns on the operating unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will natural stream restoration techniques be used to address resource concerns on the operating unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will livestock be denied access to environmentally sensitive areas on the operating unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will all grazed land on the operating unit be managed in accordance with the NRCS 528 grazing standard?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: